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FROM JTF CMDR: COL FASSETT KING GRAIN

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SUBJ: PROPOSED OPERATION KING GRAIN-CHAD

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1. REF A REQUESTED ON SITE ASSESSMENT OF FACILITIES AND OPERATIONAL
NEEDS TO LIFT 2000 MT GRAIN TO REMOTE AREA CHAD. REF B AUTHORIZED
JTF CMDR TO CONDUCT SURVEY. REF C REPORTED RESULTS OF SURVEY
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VISIT. REF D REQUESTED JTF COMMANDERS CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

2. THE REQUIREMENT IS 2000 MT TO BE AIRLIFTED TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN CHAD: FAYALARGEAU, ZOUAR, FADA, BILTINE, IRIBA, ABECHE, MONGO, ATI AND AMTIMAN. AM PREPARED TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS AS SOON AS APPROVAL RECEIVED.

3. OPERATIONS IN CHAD WILL BE SUPERVISED BY A MISSION COMMANDER UNDER JTF COMMANDER KING GRAIN. AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA WILL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

4. THE MAIN OPERATING BASE (MOB) WILL BE AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NDJAMENA, CHAD. THE GRAIN ONLOAD POINT WILL BE AT MAIDUGURI, NIGERIA SINCE STORAGE SITE LOCATED THERE AND SURFACE MOVEMENT INTO NDJAMENA IMPOSSIBLE DURING RAINY SEASON. DELIVERY BASES SOUTH OF 16 DEGREES NORTH UNUSABLE DURING RAINY SEASON. ACCORDINGLY, AIRLIFT WILL COMMENCE TO ZOUAR YNFIFAYA LARGEAU AND MOVE SOUTH AS RAINS RECEDE. ALL LOADS WILL BE PALLETIZED TO EXPEDITE AND OFF LOADING.

5. GOC HAS APPROVED LANDINGS AND OVER FLIGHT CLEARANCES WITHIN CHAD AND WAIVED LANDING FEES. GOC IS COORDINATING WITH GOVERNMENTS OF CAMEROON AND NIGERIA TO ARRANGE NECESSARY OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES AND LANDING CLEARANCE AT MAIDUGURI.

6. PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED. GOC WILL WAIVE VISA REQUIREMENTS WHEN PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED TO AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA. NIGERIAN VISA WILL BE REQUIRED AND OBTAINED FROM NIGERIAN EMBASSY NDJAMENA AFTER PERSONNEL ARRIVE CHAD.

7. CIVILIAN CLOTHING WILL BE WORN BY MILITARY PERSONNEL EXCEPT DURING FLIGHT AND AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE DUTIES.

8. APPROVAL FOR FOLLOWING IN COUNTRY GROUND/AIR/GROUND FREQUENCIES BEING OBTAINED BY AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA: 6650, 8190, 10650, 10760, 11470 AND 11505. AIR TO GROUND AND POINT TO POINT COMMUNICATIONS WITH JTF HEADQUARTERS WILL BE VIA HF RADIO. FM RADIO WILL BE USED FOR LOCAL POINT TO POINT COMMUNICATIONS.

9. AIRFIELD SURVEYS TO ZOUAR AND FAYA LARGEAU COMPLETE. ATI, AMTIMAN AND FADA (NOT USED DURING AUTHENTIC ASSISTANCE) WILL BE SURVEYED
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PRIOR TO USE AS OFFLOAD BASES.

10. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR RELIEF AIRLIFT IN CHAD IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) DEPLOYMENT TO CHAD WILL BE VIA LANGLEY AFB, LAJES AB AZORES, LA PALMOS, AND BAMAKO MALI WHEN EXECUTION IS DIRECTED.

(B) AFTER ARRIVAL NDJAMENA AIRCRAFT STAND DOWN FOLLOWING DAY

FOR PREPARATION, PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY BRIEFINGS AND NIGERIA VISA PROCESSING. AIRLIFT WILL COMMENCE SECOND DAY AFTER ARRIVAL. FAMILIARIZATION FLIGHTS TO DELIVERY AIRFIELDS FOR NEW CREWS ON FIRST MISSION DAY CONDUCTED BY MISSION COMMANDER.

(C) FIRST TAKEOFF EACH DAY AT 0500Z. LOADING PERSONNEL WILL DEPLOY TO MAIDUGURI DAILY ON FIRST ACFT.

(D) FAO REPRESENTATIVE WILL ARRANGE FOR PRE-LOADING OF PALLETS AT MAIDUGURI WITH STANDARD WEIGHTS. KING GRAIN PERSONNEL WILL LOAD PALLETS ABOARD AIRCRAFT. COMBAT OFFLOAD PROCEDURES WILL BE USED.

(E) BOTH AIRCRAFT FLY TWO MISSIONS EACH DAILY ON MONDAY THRU SATURDAY AND ONE MISSION EACH ON SUNDAY. AVERAGE MISSION DURATION OF 3.5 HOURS. LOAD PERSONNEL WILL REDEPLOY TO NDJAMENA ON LAST MISSION OF EACH DAY.

(F) AIRCREW FLIGHT DUTY SCHEDULED TO INSURE EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF FLYING HOURS AND CREW REST.

(G) ONLY DAY VFR FLIGHTS TO DELIVERY AIRFIELDS ARE ANTICIPATED.

(H) AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETERS ABOARD AIRLIFT MISSIONS AS REQUIRED BY MISSION COMMANDER.

11. LOGISTICS:

(A) NDJAMENA AIRPORT CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT. FUEL AVAILABLE FROM GROUND SINGLE POINT REFUELING PITS. STORAGE AREA LIMITED BUT DEEMED SUFFICIENT, FOR AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS AND OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT.

(B) MAIDUGURI AIRPORT RUNWAY LENGTH AND WIDTH APPROX 6000X150 WITH PARKING RAMP TO HANDLE TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT. THERE IS NO STORAGE AREA FOR PARTS. GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA WILL MAKE FUEL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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REFUELING EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE BY 1 SEPT. FUEL COSTS EST. TO BE DOLS 1.07 PER GALLON. POL COST PER FLYING HOUR EST DOLS 1225.

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(C) TWO 463L FORK LIFTS WILL BE DEPLOYED TO NDJAMENA. FOR-
LIFTS WILL BE POSITIONED AT MAIDUGURI PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF
OPERATIONS. SIXTEEN PALLETS PER AIRCRAFT WILL BE PRE POSITIONED
AT MAIDUGURI.

(D) MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WILL BE FORMED INTO TWO TEAMS TO
PROVIDE APPROX 18 HOUR COVERAGE OF OPERATIONS.

(E) ACFT SHOULD HAVE APPROX 200 HOURS REMAINING PRIOR TO NEXT
PHASED INSPECTION, TO INSURE ONE MONTH OF FLIGHT OPERATION IN
COUNTRY.

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(F) PERSONNEL REQUIRED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THREE AIRCREWS

(2) MISSION COMMANDER - 1

(3) DEPUTY MISSION COMMANDER - 1

- (4) SUPPLY SPECIALIST - 1
- (5) CLERK - 1
- (6) COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST - 2
- (7) RADIO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN - 1
- (8) RADAR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN - 1
- (9) DOPPLER MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST - 1
- (10) INSTRUMENT REPAIR SPECIALIST - 1
- (11) PROPELLER SPECIALIST - 1
- (12) ELECTRICIAN, AIRCRAFT - 1
- (13) ENGINE MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST - 2
- (14) MECHANICAL ACCESSORIES REPAIRMAN - 1
- (15) MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR (E-8) - 1
- (16) GROUND POWER MAINTENANCE - 1
- (17) INDEPENDENT MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - 1
- (18) FOR LIFT DRIVER - 1
- (19) FORKLIFT REPAIR TECHNICIAN - 1

NOTE: IF DUAL CAPABILITY PERSONNEL AVAILABLE, LINES 7-8 AND LINES 9-10 COULD BE COMBINED.

(G) QUARTERS WILL BE IN THE HOTEL TCHADIENNE IN NDJAMENA.
MESSING WILL BE ON LOCAL ECONOMY.

(H) MAINTENANCE SPARES KIT
TO INCLUDE ONE SPARE ENGINE NOW LOCATED AT BAMAKO WILL BE DEPLOYED
TO NDJAMENA.
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